

## Provider Update for Psychological Testing Codes

To comply with updates to CPT coding requirements that were effective Jan. 1, 2019, WellCare has made the following changes. (See accompanying chart for detail of changes)

WellCare will cover 5 of the one hour codes before authorization is needed. We will also cover 5 of the half-hour codes which equals 2.5 hours before an authorization is needed. In total, 7.5 hours can be billed before an authorization is needed for more time.

**For example:** Billing 5 hours of the hour codes and 5 half-hours (2.5) would not require a prior authorization. Billing 7 of the one hour codes would require a prior authorization for the extra 2 hours because only 5 hours are approved before an authorization is needed.

The Behavioral Health Authorization Grid located on WellCare’s provider website gives information on what services need to have prior authorization.

	<b>Procedure Code definition</b>
<b>96116</b>	Neurobehavioral status exam by a physician or other qualified health care professional, both face-to-face with the patient, and time interpreting test results and preparing the report (first hour only).
<b>96121</b>	Each additional hour for the Neurobehavioral status exam.
<b>96130</b>	Psychological testing evaluation service by a physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning, and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family members or caregivers when performed (first hour).
<b>96131</b>	Each additional hour for the psychological testing evaluation service.
<b>96132</b>	Neuropsychological testing evaluation services by a physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member, or caregiver, when performed (first hour).
<b>96133</b>	Each additional hour for the Neuropsychological testing evaluation service.
<b>96136</b>	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by a physician or other qualified health care professional. Two or more tests, any method, first 30 minutes.
<b>96137</b>	Each additional 30 minutes for the psychological or neuropsychological test administered by physician.
<b>96138</b>	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by technicians. Two or more tests, any method, first 30 minutes.
<b>96139</b>	Each additional 30 minutes for the psychological or neuropsychological test administration by technician.